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UNSUNG HEROES WENT SECOND MILE SERVING DURING JULY TORNADO

What happened to the Baltimore Zoo and to Northwest Baltimore made the headlines after the July tornado that left 35,000 homes without fuel for several days. The "heroes" are also known. But, not even all Broadmeaders know of the heroes and heroines in "our community."

But, they, too, had to weather the storms and see to it that patients were provided food and other creature comforts; that their fears were allayed; that the utilities were kept working as much as possible on that Sunday, June 29.

When the call went out to the clusters that Residents, who could, should bring their flashlights to the reception desk, "just in the event they are needed in Taylor and Hallo-

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PLEASE DON'T PICK THE DAISIES

The daisies, coreopsis, black-eyed Susans and other beautiful flowers growing along the peripheral road were purposely planted last year for the enjoyment of all Broadmeaders down the years.

The Voice joins the Nature Group in saying that, if we do not cut these flowers, they will propagate and be ever lovelier. This goes for the day lilies, also.

Wild flowers in the meadow may be cut if we wish to decorate our apartments. Please let's not cut the others. Residents are also asked to restrain their grandchildren from uprooting any of the flowers.

A PROMISE FULFILLED -- STORY OF GEORGE CONNER AND "OUR ROSE GARDEN"

Long before coming to Broadmead, a Resident expressed the fear that her apartment would face a huge mountain of earth "Do not worry," she was told. "When you arrive at Broadmead you will find your apartment facing a rose garden."

When the Resident moved in, there was no rose garden, but there was a George Conner, well known now as Broadmead's rosarian.

A native of Maryland, George Conner is also a product of its schools: City College, the Johns Hopkins and the Law School of the University of Maryland. Early in his career, he turned his talents to insurance and, until his retirement, was vice-president of the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland.

In retirement, it was not necessary for him to look for something to do. He had already established a rose garden at his home on the Magothy River and another when he and Marion, his wife, moved to Baltimore County. After this experience and that of restoring gardens at the Sheppard Pratt Hospital and the Flag House in Baltimore City, there was no turning back:

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ANNIVERSARY AROUND CORNER

Our next issue, September, will mark the first year of publication of the Voice of the Residents. It will contain a few special pieces and, as always, it welcomes contributors.

Trips and Shows

Phone: C. Singewald, 628-6928

August 10 (Sunday) -- To Totem Pole Theatre, Fayetteville, Pa. \$29.00 per person (The Voyagers). Lunch indoors at Penn-National Inn. "Shut Your Eyes and Think of England," a London laugh hit. Lv. Broadmead (Lower Level) 10:30 AM. Back approx. 6:30 P.M.

August 24 (Sunday) -- To Totem Pole Theatre, Fayetteville, Pa. \$29.00 per person (The Voyagers). Lunch at Farnsworth House, Gettysburg, Pa. "The Good Doctor," a Neil Simon comedy with music. Leave Broadmead 10:30 A.M. Back approx. 6:30 P.M.

September 3 (Wednesday) -- C&O Canal Barge Trip. \$15.00 per person, not including lunch (Touring Machine). See historic Great Falls Tavern Museum, Potomac River, Georgetown, and Washington Cathedral. Lv. Broadmead 7:15 A.M. Return 6:00 P.M.

September 6 (Saturday) -- Wolf Trap Farm, Vienna, Va. (The Voyagers) "Brigadoon." Lunch on your own, at Evans Farm Inn. Lv. Broadmead

FIVE RINGS, AT LEAST

A number of fellow-Broadmeaders have asked the Voice to broadcast that it takes at least five rings of the telephone for the average Resident to get to his telephone. Most people ring only three times, however. So, the plea to everyone is "Allow at least five rings, please, before hanging up." The C&P Telephone Co. reveals that ten rings take only one minute.

10:20 A.M. Return approx. 6:30 P.M.

September 9 (Tuesday) -- Harborplace (In response to popular request) \$3.00. Lunch on your own. Lots of walking. Lv. Broadmead 9:45 A.M. Return approx. 2:30 P.M.

Make out checks for the Harborplace trip to Transportation Committee, Broadmead, and put in Message Box M-6. Checks for other trips should be made out to the sponsoring organization, The Voyagers or Touring Machine.

A trip is planned for Sept. 23 or 30 to Fort McHenry, the World Trade Center and the Maryland Academy of Science Planetarium. If interested, save the dates. More information in the Sept. Voice.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS PLANNED FOR NEW PROGRAM YEAR

Soon Broadmead will have a regular calendar of events, which will be distributed with the Voice, a joint effort with the Program Office, mainly the latter. If you know of an activity which should be on this calendar, please place this information in Winifred Kinn's note box (J-6)

You are also reminded that if you wish to reserve a room for an activity or meeting, you should indicate this reservation on the calendar at the Reception Desk.

It is requested that you let Mary Stuart, director of activities, know if you are scheduling an activity which will involve a significant number of Residents. This will help avoid conflicting activities as much as possible.

If you are unable to reach Mary Stuart by phone, you may call the Reception Desk and leave a message for her or leave a note in her box.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE --- AUGUST 2

WANTED, AN ARTIST

Just an artist who can make plain, ordinary pen and ink drawings and sketches for the Voice of the Residents. Nothing sophisticated and he or she need not be a member of the Artists Guild. If you fit the bill and want to join in most interesting volunteering, see Jim Fleming, B-1 (666-2707).

WARM WELCOME GIVEN TO FIRST
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF BROADMEAD

Continuous lines of Broadmeaders turned out to welcome Richard F. Compton, new and first associate director of Broadmead, on a very warm Sunday--and enjoyed cookies and punch on the patio outside the Recreation Room and opposite the Rose Garden. The date was July 13.

They also enjoyed meeting Mrs. Compton (Linda) and the two Compton children, Rich, Jr., age 9, and Katie, age 3, and Rich's in-law, Sara Dum.

Selected from a list of 100 applicants, Compton will be responsible for the areas of administration, finance, admissions, personnel and housekeeping. He will report directly to Martin Trueblood, the executive director.

In making the announcement of the new addition, Martin Trueblood expressed happiness over the appointment. He added:

"The addition of Rich Compton to the staff will give me an opportunity to devote more time to Residents' affairs and overall planning for the community."

Rich Compton's background includes a degree in sociology from Gettysburg College and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Maryland. For the last six years he has been employed by the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, as chief of the Manpower Projects Div-

ision and as administrative assistant to the personnel director.

In these positions he has had a wide range of experience and responsibility, which will serve him well in his work at Broadmead. He also is involved in many community activities and has received the 1979 award as an Outstanding Young Man of America by the Jaycees.

Since his reception, Rich Compton wrote a letter to each Resident, in which he said the following, among other things:

"I want to take this opportunity to thank you for making me so welcome in your home, Broadmead. My family and I were indeed overwhelmed by your hospitality and well wishes at our Sunday Reception. I can assure you that I will do my best to help make Broadmead an even nicer place to live."

CURRENT BOOKS FOR LIBRARY

Just in case any Resident has a current or recent book which he or she no longer needs or has space for, the Broadmead Library would welcome the opportunity to add it to the small collection of "Recent and Topical" books, on top of the shelves opposite the door.

"Recent" is loosely interpreted and "topical" means subjects in the news, books related to current programs -- lectures, films, TV series (Alistair Cooke's "America", Sichel's "The Story of the Fabulous Mrs. Langtry", etc.). Such gifts may be left at the desk in the library or in the Library Workroom on the lower level, near the elevator.

Just in case, also, a Resident is interested in a book not found in the catalog and will make known this interest, we will do our best to locate a copy among the many good books waiting to be cataloged.

Emily C. Schilpp
Elizabeth C. Litsinger

George Conner and a Promise Kept

A PROMISE FULFILLED WITH LOVE
AND MANY HEARTS AND HANDS

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"From that time on, I was hooked," he readily admits.

From Broadmead the word went forth. Space would be provided for individual vegetable and flower gardens, and Residents were free to landscape their terraces, according to their interest and taste. In no time at all, George Conner, with the assistance of Charles Wainwright, began designing a rose garden, to be established at Broadmead as quickly as possible.

Once in residence, Seeber Bodine joined the other two in forming a self-appointed committee of three, and with the help of the administration, solicited funds for the purchase of rose bushes. With donations from Residents, 182 roses were ordered and instructions given to prepare the land. But, when the bare-rooted roses arrived, the land was not ready to receive them.

A lesser man would have become immobile, but not George Conner. By now, he and Marion were problem-solvers. Recalling the way in which they overcame difficulties in grooming and in categorizing roses for exhibitions, George Conner planted every single rose in 10-inch pots, placed them in one of the sheds and tended them daily.

In time, the ground was tested for readiness and drainage. A 20-inch hole was filled with water. Ten days later, less than an inch of water had seeped out. George Conner knew he was in trouble. At this point, Leo Bridge, Pete Butler, Karl Levy, Sam Silberstein and Dick Dow put their heads together. A ditch-digger was called in. Underneath the garden-to-be a 30-

inch ditch was dug and filled with gravel. Then the back-breaking, muscle-straining labor began.

Joining the volunteers in digging holes for the roses were the Old Reliables: Bobby White, skillfully handling the heavy machinery; John Gribble, "the chubby one," bouncing meaningfully all over the place; and agile Pat Wilson, seeing that the Conner instructions were carried out to the letter.

Roses, like all plant life, have their own peculiar needs. Holes of the correct depth and width were readied for them but more was needed. Gypsum, with its magic, was applied to the soil. Then, with the precision of a

RUDYARD KIPLING ON GARDENS

"So, when your work is over,
You can wash your hands and pray
For the glory of the garden,
That it may not pass away."

chef carefully measuring ingredients for the specialty of the house, George Conner put together a growing medium of 50 per cent topsoil, 20 per cent leaf mold, 20 per cent three-year-old horse manure, and 10 per cent sand.

There you have it! A recipe for those who want to make their roses content, and happy, and eager to perform.

This garden (the Broadmead Rose Garden) is a small version of the Ladew Topiary rose garden and that at the Sheppard Pratt Hospital. Unity and balance are achieved through the use of broken circles filled with aristocrats from the world of hybrid

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DO (OR CAN) PLANTS WRITE POETRY?

Last April, in the Poetry Project Newsletter of London, one Robert Bly wrote: "If plants wrote poetry, you know, they'd write prose poems..... Plants are just not interested in a Miltonic style." That slander did not go unanswered, as in the following in the London Times, written by one Tom Disch (This reprint is dedicated to Broadmead's George Conner and his assistants in the Rose Garden):

A LETTER TO ROBERT BLY

Dear Mr. Bly,

I would like to deny
Your theory that plants prefer
prose.
In my experience as a rose
I've noticed the best poems
spring
From a light loam of meter and
rhyme.
Not Miltonic necessarily
(Though some lilies are very
Miltonic),
But alive to the lilt and the
swing
Of ordinary words.
We live, after all, among birds.
If this makes us seem, as you
say, "right wing,"
My reply, Mr. Bly, must be,
Alas --
A rose will never be a leaf
of grass.
Grass has its uses, I daresay.
There are days in May
When the lawn quite glows
With its democratic sense of
duty.
But has anyone ever called
such prose
An American Beauty?

Sincerely,

Tom Disch

Note: This poem was discovered for the Voice by Remsen Wood.

NEXT DEADLINE: ----- AUGUST 22

FIRST HEALTH EDUCATION LECTURE
WELL RECEIVED BY RESIDENTS

Even Norman Cousins would have sat up awake and pleased if he were present to hear Patricia (Pat) Brown, Broadmead's nurse-practitioner, use his Anatomy of an Illness as a point of departure in the first health education lecture, in the Auditorium.

But, over 100 Residents were there and were generous in their reaction to the program as Ms Brown enlarged the theme by adding her own experiences, her own viewpoint and her broad knowledge of the comprehensive health needs of the senior citizen.

Residents also responded very favorably to the suggestion that similar lectures and lecture-demonstrations be presented in the future.

Ruth Hall presided, the first time that a Broadmead-wide meeting was chaired by a Resident of Taylor Hall.

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teas, grandifloras and floribundas. A rainbow of colors, the garden is held firmly in place by an old sun dial which came with the land and on which is inscribed these words: "Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be."

In late June, toward the end of day, the last rose bush was planted. The heavy machinery was no longer there. The helpers, one and all, had turned to other chores. It was then that George Conner slowly gathered up his faithful stool and a few tools scattered here and there. Adjusting them under his arms, he walked slowly away.

Just before entering the Center, he turned and looked back upon his Rose Garden, built with love and devotion, now a centerpiece of what might very well be called "Broadmead Square."

Hazel H. Fleming

JULY 4 COOKOUT WOULD HAVE PLEASED GEORGE AND THOMAS

Even George Washington and Thomas Jefferson would have gloated that the July 4 cookout at and by the Broadmead Dining Room was "very, very good." Such was the sentiment of all the diners whom the Voice overheard.

First of all, the spirit was glorious. No complaints. Then, nearly everyone was dressed in picnic informality, and colorfully so. The waiters and waitresses outdid themselves in wearing appropriate attire, in the same manner as they did for St. Patrick's Day.

The food, cooked out on the patio adjoining the main dining room, left little to be desired. It was really a July 4 picnic: Hot dogs, hamburgers, fried chicken, cold meats and cheeses, endless salads, fresh fruit (including cherries, but not from the tree that George cut down), and cakes of all kinds, including large flat renditions of the American flag. The Food Service outdid itself (except for the hamburgers, 'tis said).

Lest we forget, the tableclothes were red, with red and white napkins, and on each table was a menu-size greeting imprinted with the famous words of Thomas Jefferson and signed by him:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

RECTOR BEING INSTALLED

The Rev. Anthony W. L. Hollis, new rector of neighboring Sherwood Episcopal Church, will be formally installed Thursday, Sept. 18, 1980, at 7:30 P.M., by the Rt. Rev. David K. Leighton, bishop of the Diocese of Maryland. A group of Broadmeaders met with Fr. Hollis on July 9, in the Lounge and lunched with him and his wife.

DIETER'S PRAYER

Strict is my diet, I must not want
It maketh me to lie down at night
hungry
It leadeth me past confectioners
It trieth my will power.
It leadeth me in the paths of starvation
For my figure's sake
Yea, though I walk through the
aisles of pastry departments
I will buy no sweet roll, for they
are fattening
The cakes and the pies they tempt me
Before me is a table set with green
beans and lettuce
I filleth my stomach with liquids
My daily quota runneth over.
Surely calories and weight charts
will follow me
All the days of my life,
And I shall dwell in the fear of
scales forever. Amen.

Anonymous

TWO RECITALS IN AUGUST

Monday night, August 4, at 8 o'clock in the Lounge, the Music Committee will present two exceptionally talented young professionals, Marilyn McVicker Taylor, flutist, and Richard Schroeder, pianist. The program will include Bach, Poulenc, and Faure.

Wednesday, August 20, in the Lounge, will appear Frances Fisher, pianist, and Lynn Fisher, cellist. -- 2 P.M. as usual.

M. B. Hall, chairperson

BEST FOR BUSINESS

The undergraduate business program at the University of Pennsylvania has been picked as the best in the country by both business-school deans and personnel executives of big businesses, in a study at the University of Virginia.

They ranked the University of Michigan's program second. The deans placed the University of California at Berkely third, while the executives gave third rank to the University of Virginia.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Voice:

On behalf of the Maintenance Staff (and all of us here at Broadmead), I would like to express our appreciation to the Residents who have been watering the grass around their apartment area. Your efforts are much appreciated and the results are very beautiful, as the grass is green and healthy.

Howard Ketler

Dear Voice:

A recent visitor from our New Jersey hometown has written me as follows:

"I was impressed with the air of thoughtfulness that seemed so much a part of the place (Broadmead). From our arrival to our departure, we were impressed by the humanism of the community."

Sue Fagans

Dear Voice:

I enjoy reading the Voice and would like to continue receiving it.

Gabriele Bruck

Dear Voice:

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all of the Residents of Broadmead by sending you this short note that is long on thanks for the unexpected vacation gifts.

The 11 - 7:30 Nursing Staff

The nurses signing the above letter are: Darlene Murphy, Vergie Pettyjohn, Deborah Streett, Ethel Howard, Thelma Guy, Mollie Robinson, Nancy Jones. -- Editor.

NEXT DEADLINE:-----AUGUST 22

BALDWIN JEFFERSON DAY SPEAKER

Charles (Chuck) Baldwin, veteran U. S. diplomat and chairman of Broadmead's Cluster B, was the speaker, on July 4, at the annual Jefferson Day ceremonies honoring Thomas Jefferson, revered Founding Father, held every year at Montecello, the world renowned home of Jefferson, near Charlottesville, Va.

An invitation to give the Jefferson Day address is deemed a gilt-edged invitation among speakers and persons in public life. Baldwin was 40 years in the Foreign Service and, before coming to Broadmead, was diplomat-in-residence at the University of Virginia.

The title of the address was "The Third America and the World."

WELCOME TO BROADMEAD

The following new Residents have recently moved to Broadmead:

Ward, Isabelle - T315 (667-1754)
Gorman, Clifford - T-310 (666-9369)
Perkins, Lucinda - T-365 (667-0608)
Hibline, John & Mary - Q-13 (666-8370)
Keesecker, Mason & Mae - T-351-353
(667-0250)
Sherwood, Sidney & Olita - G-5
(628-2830)
Toulson, William & Helen - F-11
(667-4573)
White, Cesarine (Miss) T-362 (666-1578)
Williams, Elizabeth (Mrs.) M-7
(667-4668)
Nowlin, Robert & Augusta - D-9
(666-8216)

SAVE 15 CENTS

Thanks to Resident David McIntyre, the Voice can announce that the Union Trust Bank branch at Broadmead receives checks for C&P telephone payments. This service means a monthly saving of 15 cents (postage) for each Broadmead subscriber.

IN MEMORIAM

FREDERICK H. KLAUNBERG, SR.

May 18, 1899

July 16, 1980

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SERVING DURING JULY TORNADO

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well Halls," every Resident knew that the winds and rains were as bad as they sounded. But, those old trusted flashlights of the early Broadmead days came in short order to the Center Building. Forty of them.

When the switchboard needed more manpower, Resident David McIntyre took over, knowing that communication is a central factor in any emergency.

Most of the credit, however, must go to the supporting staff of Broadmead -- those persons to whom Martin Trueblood, executive director, has sent personal letters of commendation: Staffs in the Food Service, in Health, and in Maintenance.

The spirit of "the second mile" is contained in the following letter to the Voice from Dorothy K. Craig, of the Residents Volunteers:

"I can't let another issue of the Voice go to press without an expression of admiration for the young people of our Food Service Department who quietly and without fanfare, stayed overtime on 'Tornado Sunday', to prepare bag suppers for the Residents of Taylor Hall marooned on the third floor by the power outage. This fact is not generally known by the Residents at large, and I feel it is something we should be proud to publicize."

Those who went the second mile and received the Trueblood letter are:

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FOOD SERVICE: Sandy Blosser, Irene Barshop, Jean Fox, Karen Malone, Brenda Briley, Jenny Harbin, Paul Bilger, Sam Passmore, Tyrone Dorsey, Scott Swackhammer, and Kathy Kibler.

HEALTH: Margaret Mucha, Barbara Biebert, Becky Palmer, David Gribble, Joyce Purkey, Betty Shelton and Linda Jones.

MAINTENANCE: Howard Ketler, Paul Trautner and Martin Diehl.

If moral there must be to this story, let us all remember, when some little thing at Broadmead goes wrong, or when the soup is not quite to our taste, or when a workman disappoints us, remember that, where and when it really counts, in a pinch and in an emergency, the Broadmead staff comes through and is willing to go the second or third mile. GJF.

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